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14 September 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Office of Policy and Planning  
Director, Office of Performance Evaluation and Improvement  
Chairman, SIGINT Committee  
Chairman, COMIREX  
Chairman, HUMINT Committee  
Special Assistant to the D/DCI/IC, MGen Thomas, USAF, Ret.

STAT FROM :   
Chairman, Security Committee

SUBJECT : Proposed Executive Order on Security Classification

1. Attached is the final draft of a proposed Executive Order on "National Security Information and Material." This is the product of the PRM-29 effort, and is intended to replace E.O. 11652 as the Executive Branch's policy on security classification.

2. This office is coordinating IC Staff comments on the proposed Order, for inclusion in the consolidated comments which will be prepared for signature by the DCI. Your comments, with particular regard to substantive aspects of the proposed Order, are requested by 30 September 1977. Informal comments, or questions, may be directed to  of my staff.

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3. Significant features of this proposal in comparison with E.O. 11652 are:

a. Definitions of "intelligence source" and "intelligence method" are provided.

b. There is a two-stage test for classification (first establish classifiability by determining that information fits a prescribed subject or functional category; then determine that at least significant damage would result from disclosure).

c. Explicit protection is provided for in the case of foreign originated classified information.

d. The General Declassification Schedule is eliminated, with "routine" classifications limited to a maximum of six years.

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e. The four exemption categories are eliminated, with extended classifications (beyond six years) permitted for clearly articulated reasons.

f. Paragraph marking is mandatory; exceptions for good cause may be sought.

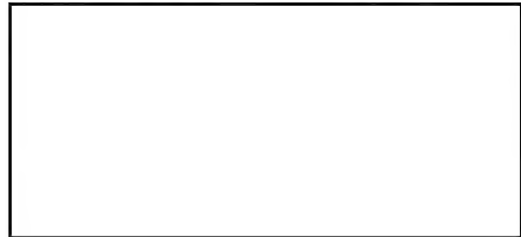
g. Classified information must be declassified or reviewed 20 years after date of origin (vice the present 30); foreign originated classified information after 30 years.

h. Secrecy agreements for access are optional.

i. Special access programs (compartments) are permitted only subject to personal written approval of DCI (for intelligence) or department head, and then subject to specified criteria and "sunset law" review at three-year intervals.

j. A Security Information Oversight Office with more powers than the present Interagency Classification Review Committee will be set up in GSA.

Attachment:  
Draft E.O. 11652



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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy to the DCI for the  
Intelligence Community

FROM : [REDACTED]  
Chairman, Security Committee

SUBJECT : Proposed Executive Order on Security Classification

1. Attached for your information is a 13 September 1977 letter from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, forwarding the draft of a proposed Executive Order on "National Security Information and Material." This is the product of the PRM-29 effort. Through misunderstanding on the part of the drafter, Mr. Kienlen of OMB, identical copies of the attached letter were sent both to you and to the DCI. Mr. Kienlen was under the misapprehension that such was necessary to get both CIA and Community-oriented comments on the draft Order. [REDACTED] has assured him that the DCI's comments will cover both aspects.

2. We have distributed copies of the proposed Order to IC Staff components (OPP, OPEI, SIGINT Committee, COMIREX, HUMINT Committee, and [REDACTED] asking for any comments they may have thereon. Such will be coordinated with the Office of the General Counsel for inclusion in the consolidated DCI reply to OMB. We have also arranged with [REDACTED] OGC, to have [REDACTED] discuss with interested CIA offices the background and intent of those portions of the proposed Order which would bear closely on the Intelligence Community.

3. Comments on the proposed Order are due in OMB by 14 October, with the new Order to take effect 1 March 1978.

Attachment:  
OMB/GC Letter, dated 13Sep77,  
w/enclosure



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